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SUBJ: GAO AUDIT: U.S. TRADE POLICY TOWARD LDCS

1. GAO AUDITORS JOSEPH VEIGA AND THEODORE ALVES SPENT TWO WORKING DAYS, NOV. 13 AND 14, IN LA PAZ. ON SECOND DAY AUDITOR NICHOLAS CARBONE PARTICIPATED IN GROUP'S INTERVIEWS. AUDITORS SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR, AID DIRECTOR AND OTHER EMBOFFS, PLUS GOB OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN TRADE POLICY, PRIVATE BUSINESS LEADERS AND LOCAL MANAGERS U.S. BANKS.

2. VISIT HAD POSITIVE EFFECT OF BRINGING TOGETHER WORKING-LEVEL GOB OFFICIALS FROM FIVE AGENCIES WHICH DEAL WITH FOREIGN TRADE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF FORTHCOMING TRA. EMBASSY HAS CONSEQUENTLY FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN LIST INDICATING BOLIVIAN DESIRES FOR SPECIAL PREFERENCES. (EMBASSY WILL FORWARD.) AUDITORS WERE TOLD REPEATEDLY, HOWEVER, THAT WITH ITS NARROW INDUSTRIAL BASE BOLIVIA WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF GSP, UNLESS AS ONE OFFICIAL SUGGESTED, IT RECEIVES PREFERENCES WITHIN GENERAL PREFERENCE.

3. AUDITORS' QUESTIONS RANGED OVER WIDE TERRAIN. PRINCIPLE THEMES WERE WHETHER THERE EXISTS INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITMENT TO LDC DEVELOPMENT AND U.S. TRADE POLICY AND

WHETHER LDCS HAVE CAPACITY TO USE TRADE AS DEVELOPMENT
TOOL.

4. VISITORS STIMULATED SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO WHICH THEY
NOT PREPARED TO RESPOND, ESPECIALLY REGARDING SPECIFICS OF
COMPLETE BILL AND CURRENT STATE OF SCCN PREFERENCE LIST
NEGOTIATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE FORWARD COPY OF
CURRENT DRAFT TRADE BILL AND OF PRESENT PREFERENCE PROPOSALS.
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